

*AF* Abstract OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is provided for the treatment of water so as to reduce or destroy micro-organisms therein as well as other causes of skin diseases or waterborne diseases  
5 in human beings and animals, wherein the water is passed through a magnetic field being presented by a permanent magnet showing an energy product  $(BH)_{\max}$  of more than  $20 \text{ kJ/m}^3$  to which the water is exposed and a coercive force  $H_c$  of more than of about  $200 \text{ kA/m}$  at  $25^\circ \text{C}$ .